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Improving Trial Court Facilities: Lake—New Lakeport Courthouse

In October 2008 the Judicial Council adopted an updated Trial Court Capital Outlay Plan and a list of 41 projects to be funded by SB 1407. AOC staff has completed a funding request for 15 projects, 13 of which have initial funding included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget Act. Approval of these projects mark important progress toward implementing needed improvements for courts across California.

Funding for this project—the Lake—New Lakeport Courthouse—has been included in the FY 2009-2010 Budget Act.

New Lakeport Courthouse

A new Lakeport Courthouse is proposed by the AOC for initial funding of \$2.6 million for FY 2009-2010. The new facility will house four courtrooms. The estimated total cost for this courthouse of approximately 50,158 gross square feet is \$71.7 million (escalated to construction mid-point in spring 2014). This project is ranked in the Immediate Need Project Priority Group of the Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan and is one of the highest priority capital-outlay projects for the judicial branch.

Lack of Security, Severe Overcrowding, Poor Physical Conditions, and Reduced Access to Court Services

The Superior Court of California, County of Lake serves the residents of Lake County in the main business district of Lakeport. The court occupies the 4th floor of the existing Lakeport Courthouse, which is severely overcrowded, poorly serves the growing needs of the superior court, and lacks basic security features, causing unnecessary risk to the staff and public who use this building. This facility has significant security problems, severe accessibility deficiencies, is very overcrowded, and has many physical problems, and prevents the court from providing safe and efficient court services to the public.



Jury Assembly Held in Crowded Public Hallways

Local Government and Organizations Collaborate on Project

The Lake County Board of Supervisors and the City of Lakeport both support the need to build a new courthouse in Lakeport. The AOC will work collaboratively with the County of Lake to select a site for the new facility and to develop a project that meets the goals of the local community.

Long-term Funding Needs

The enactment of SB 1407 was the major first step in funding 41 urgently needed courthouse improvement projects across the State of California. The Trial Court Capital-Outlay Plan includes another 112 projects for which funding has not been secured. California judicial branch will continue to explore additional, alternative means to fund the state's sizable need for courthouse infrastructure improvements while it implements the 41 projects to be funded by SB 1407.

More Information

A project feasibility report for the New Lakeport Courthouse, dated July 1, 2008, was prepared by AOC staff. This report documents the poor functional and physical conditions of the existing Lakeport court facility in Lake County, explores options for how best to meet the needs of the court and of the public, and estimates the cost to

construct a new facility. This document can be downloaded from the following Web site:

www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/pfr-lakeport.pdf

For further information, please email the AOC-Office of Court Construction and Management at OCCM@jud.ca.gov.